



COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES
February 12, 2007
5:00 P.M.
Council Office

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

V. Spencer, J. Waltman, S. Fuhs, S. Marmarou, M. Baez, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, D. Sterner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Kanezo, C. Younger, L. Churchill, L. Kelleher, A. Mukerji, W. Heim, S. Ludwig, L. Lee

Vaughn Spencer, President of Council, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

I. Installation of Parking Meters

Mr. Lee stated the Parking Authority needs to install meters in the 100 block of Washington Street. The character of the neighborhood is changing as more commercial development occurs. Additional parking spaces need to be provided to accommodate short term parking typically associated with downtown commercial activity. Mr. Lee hoped that over the long term cars would be directed to use the new parking garage. Mr. Fuhs asked how many spaces would be metered. Mr. Lee explained meters would only be placed where legal parking currently exists, which is between ten and twelve spaces.

Mr. Marmarou asked if installing parking meters would displace neighborhood residents. Mr. Lee believed parking meters would not result in a hardship for the local community. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated she supported limiting parking in the 100 block of Washington Street. She added that the new garage would take a tremendous burden off of existing and future businesses. Mr. Lee noted RACC and the future movie theater have already reached agreements with the authority for a substantial number of spaces.

Mr. Mukerji stated there is a need for a thorough, comprehensive City wide parking survey. Knee jerk reactions to development have been guiding the parking process throughout the city; a survey would determine the current amount of parking and project future parking needs, using current and proposed development as a basis for projections. Mr. Sterner asked how the city would proceed with such a survey.

Mr. Churchill remarked that a parking survey is an issue that has been periodically discussed by the Administration and the Parking Authority. The Administration would present plans to Council once internal agreement was reached on how to proceed.

II. Executive Session

Council entered into executive session at 5:30p.m. to discuss matters related to the creation of the Fire Diversity Board and personnel..

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

By: _____
Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk